

Thomas Stewart House  
410 Locust Street  
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

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National Park Service  
Eastern Office Design and Construction  
120 S. Third Street, Phila. 6, Pa.

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Owner - U. S. Government, Department of the Interior, National  
Park Service, Independence National Historical Park  
Project. Now used as a residence for NPS personnel.

Date of Erection - No documentation.

After 1825 when Thomas Stewart acquired the land.

Date of Viewing - November 1957.

Description -

Plan - 1st floor, 4 rooms and stair hall  
Front room 17'3" x 16'-0-  
Stair well originally 8'2" x 8'2"  
Kitchen 11'3" x 14'6"  
2 rooms behind 11'2" x 13'9" and  
11'2" x 13'11"

2nd floor, 3 rooms and stair well

3rd floor, 2 rooms and stair well

4th floor, garret

Height - 39'6"

Construction - Brick with wood trim and interior  
wood framing.

Elevations -

Height 39'6" - Flemish bond brickwork.

1st story, 10'7". Door with plain brick arch  
at right. 2 windows left.  
Cellar entry and cellar window.

2nd story, 10'2". 2 windows.

3rd story, 9'-0. 2 windows.

To ceiling of garret 6'9". Ridge dormer with  
12-light window.

Rear - Three windows in front building and shed dormer in copper-covered ridge roof. 1 window with shutter in 3rd floor of 1st addition beyond stair well. Shed roof over last addition with one 8-panel door and large window.

East Side - Front attached to 408 Locust. Narrow gable. With end chimney. Half gable roof over stair well with a window on each story. 2-bay with 1/2 gable roof and central chimney.

Second addition one and a half story with 2 windows on ground floor and one on second.

1-story rear addition with door and window.

West - formerly a party wall.

Interior - Rehabilitated 1954

Ground floor - Small entry vestibule. Main room has chair rail. Fireplace with plain-kneed architrave about marble facing of fire opening. Mantel shelf with 5 moldings beneath and flat reeded pilasters at each end. There is a fireback of cast iron, with inscription "Delaware" on it. The fireback is richly ornamented with pilasters, geometric and naturalistic flower and leaf motifs and a profile medallion bust probably of George Washington. This type of fireback usually dates from the 1830's.

No interior woodwork remains, but the chair rails and mantels.

Second floor - Front room has the most ornate mantel in the house with full-length flat-reeded pilasters.

Third floor - The front room mantel has a simple plain-kneed architrave and 7 moldings under the mantel shelf.

History -

There was a former house on this lot, formerly numbered 8 Prune Street. The present house has been identified with the earlier one, but a comparison of the fire insurance survey of March 3, 1769--Contributionship OK-S #1 P.S and the existing building shows that the first building was 12 1/2 ft. by 22, while the present building is 17'8" x 55", plus the addition of a later shed 13' x 15'.

The present house was built after 1825 when it was bought by Thomas Stewart with the adjoining house, now 408 Locust Street, and before 1850 when the will of Thomas Stewart bequeathed both houses to Catharine Roney. Phila. Will Bk. 25, P. 212, Proved June 26, 1850.

Stylistically the house dates from the decade 1825-1835 because of the plain face of brick, the rounded head arch for the door opening, the architrave over the door and the moldings about the fireplaces.

References -

The Deed book for 410 Locust.

The Will of Thomas Stewart

No accurate secondary material.

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